

THE T. P. KENNARD HOUSE
1627 H STREET
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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T. P. KENNARD RESIDENCE

T. P. Kennard with Mr. Butler and Mr. Gillespie were chosen by the first state legislature to pick a site for the new Capitol of the State and to erect a suitable building. They traveled by team as far west as the present site of Seward. Gillespie voted for the site on the Platte River near Ashland. Kennard held for the small town of Lancaster near the salt wells - the present site of Lincoln, and Butler voted with Kennard. Thus was the location of Lincoln the capital decided. The original town was layed out from 1st to 17th and from A to Vine Street and - setting aside four blocks for the future capitol building, the rest of the lots were auctioned off, Kennard reserving for himself the north half of the block where this house is built. The other two members reserved like plots for themselves at different locations, and with the money raised from the sale of lots the first capitol building was erected. Framing timbers for this house were floated by river from Wisconsin - stone for basement walls was quarried near Nebraska City.

W. H. Gray
Squad Leader.
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